(d) An amount of Rs. 53,36,275/- has been paid to the Next of Kin of the deceased Air Force men from Air Force Group Insurance Society and Air Force Central Welfare Fund, which are regimental non-public funds.

Encroachment of Defence Land

†1595. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that private parties and companies have occupied Defence land in Mumbai, Secunder, bad, Bareilly and Amritsar;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to take this land back in its possession; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Some of the Defence land are under unauthorized occupation of Private Parties in Secunderabad, Bareilly and Amritsar. However, there is no land under encroachment in Mumbai.

(b) Steps for removing these encroachment are taken by Competent Authority under the provisions of Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971 and under the provisions of the Cantonments Act, 1924.

(c) Question does not arise.

Pensionary benefits to ex-servicemen

1596. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total service eligible for ex-servicemen to get the benefit of minimum pension;

(b) whether Government allow any minimum *ex-gratia* who are discharged before attaining 15 years on genuine grounds;

(c) whether Government propose to initiate any change in the pension rules for accommodating below 15 years category for minimum pension and other pensionery benefits enjoyed by others at present;

(d) whether Government have any proposal of granting *ex-gratia* pension to those ex-servicemen who put less than 10 years service; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(e) whether Government propose to extend any resettlement facilities to those people?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The minimum qualifying service required to earn service pension is 20 years for Commissioned Officers and 15 years for Personnel Below Officer Rank.

(b) to (e) No, Sir.

Winding up of Mukherjee Commission

1597. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to wind up M.K. Mukherjee Commission investigating the mystery behind the Netaji Subhash Chander Bose's disappearance despite the fact that work of the Commission is yet to be completed;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Commission was not allowed to go to Russia to study the KGB records which could confirm the fact that Netaji had been alive after 1945; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The Commission was appointed on 14.5.1999 and was required to submit its report within 6 months. The Commission has been requested to complete and submit its report by 14.5.2005.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Special package to States for bringing militant outfits in main stream

1598. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether economic packages have been granted to different States for ensuring that militant outfits operating therein laydown arms and return to the national main stream;

(b) if so, the details of such packages given to different States; and